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Amendments to the Abstract

The Abstract has been amended as follows. Enclosed is a replacement Abstract as set forth in the Appendix thereto.

A bone screw ~~is provided with~~includes a thread section ~~(2)~~ of tubular construction having a first end and a second end and a tip ~~(3)~~ at ~~its~~the first end ~~and a second end opposite the latter~~. The tubular thread section ~~(2) comprises~~has a bone thread ~~(22)~~ on its outer wall, ~~and the wall of the thread section (2) comprises a Plurality~~which has a plurality of recesses ~~(31)~~. The bone screw further includes a holding element ~~(4, 6)~~ with a first section ~~(41, 61)~~ for connection to the thread section ~~(2)~~ and ~~with~~ a rod-like second section ~~(43, 63) which in the inserted state of the holding element (4, 6)~~. The rod-like second section protrudes beyond the second end of the thread section ~~(2). A stop is provided~~in the inserted state of the holding element. The bone screw also includes a stop for limiting the distance of insertion of the holding element ~~(4, 6)~~ in the thread section ~~(2)~~. The holding element ~~(4, 6) comprises~~also includes an element ~~(44, 64)~~ at its free end for engagement with a screw-in tool.

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